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TO AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OTRA, MNUC, PK

SUBJECT: ERDA INVITATION TO PAEC OFFICIALS FOR VISIT
TO U.S.

REF: ISLAMABAD 4044

1. HAVE CONTACTED OFFICIALS AT ERDA RESPONSIBLE FOR INVITATIONS SENT DIRECTLY TO PAEC TO VISIT U.S. TO VIEW PHYSICAL SECURITY PROCEDURES. EXPLANATION IS THAT TEAM WHICH VISITED PAEC SEVERAL MONTHS AGO HAD "AUTOMATICALLY" SENT INVITATIONS FOLLOWING UP ON VISIT. INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS (ISA) OFFICE AT ERDA HAD BELIEVED INVITATION WAS NOT SENT OR "LOST IN INTERNAL MAIL" (SIC) WHEN WE DISCUSSED THIS EARLIER (JONES LETTER, APRIL 12), AND REGRETTED THAT IT HAD INDEED BEEN SENT.

2. ERDA/ISA PROPOSES THAT WE DELAY VISIT IF OR WHEN PAEC ACCEPTS INVITATION. WHILE THIS MAY SEEM HEAVY-HANDED, ERDA SAYS IT HAS REAL PROBLEM WITH VOLUME OF PHYSICAL-SECURITY VISITORS IN COMING MONTHS, "AND THERE ARE 7-8 COUNTRIES OF
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HIGHER PRIORITY THAN PAKISTAN" (E.G., FRANCE, GERMANY, EGYPT,

JAPAN). ERDA IS WILLING TO MAKE THE CASE ON WORKING LEVEL
THAT DELAY IS UNFORTUNATE BUT UNAVOIDABLE.

3. PRESUMING THAT THE PAEC WILL TAKE UP THIS INVITATION,
WE ARE INCLINED TO ACCEPT ERDA'S APPROACH. WE WOULD,
HOWEVER, WELCOME EMBASSY'S VIEWS IF YOU PERCEIVE PROBLEMS
IN THIS. SISCO

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